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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Counsel

29 October 1956

SUBJECT : Conflict-of-Interest -

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1. The attached correspondence with [REDACTED] is self-explanatory at least to the extent of indicating to you a problem which bothers a number of our consultants. It is the far from novel one of a possible conflict-of-interest between the two roles of advisor to the Government and seller to the Government, from neither of which the individuals wish to be excluded and neither of which is it in the interest of the Government that they be excluded.

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2. I have encountered another example of the same problem in [REDACTED] refusal to permit any contractual relation between the [REDACTED] and this Agency because of his services to us as a consultant. His attitude has denied us access to the preferred or only source of supply of certain products unless and until we are willing to pay the price of foregoing his extremely valuable services as an advisor.

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3. I wonder if you could (a.) brief me (orally or in writing) before our meeting in Boston on 21 November, and (b.) be prepared to discuss it on that occasion with the Directors and with the members of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
Special Assistant to the Director  
for Planning and Coordination

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cc: [REDACTED]

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